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# Hey, Joe? How 'bout a burger?

**Associated Press**

**ARLINGTON, Va.** It's like this: When you want a burger, you have to have a burger.

In this state of mind, President Obama and Vice President Biden took a short—but very noticeable—motorcade ride from the White House to Virginia and pulled into a small, independent burger joint called Ray's Hell Burger.

The two leaders went right up to the counter where the meat was being grilled and ordered.

Each fetched cash from his pocket and paid, and then the pair stood like the rest and waited for their number to be called before going to a table.

The restaurant, which prides itself on premium aged 10-ounce burgers, sits in a small strip plaza. The burgers sell for \$6.95.

According to the Washington Examiner's Beltway Confidential blog, the press pool traveling with Obama and Biden aren't positive what Obama ordered.

One person thought he said "basic cheeseburger, medium well," while someone else thought he said "swiss mushroom burger," but they all agree that the president asked for "spicy mustard, if you have it." What's not disputed, according to the blog, is Biden's order—he went for the swiss cheeseburger with jalapeno peppers. He and Obama paid separately and Biden got something else—not sure what—to go.

# When you crave fast

## Scientists unveil chocolate-fueled car

**Associated Press**

**LONDON** Scientists unveiled on Tuesday what they hope will be one of the world's fastest biofuel vehicles, powered by waste from chocolate factories and made partly from plant fibers.

Its makers hope the racer will go 145 mph and give manufacturers ideas about how to build more ecologically friendly vehicles.

The car runs on vegetable oils and chocolate waste that has been turned into biofuel. The steering wheel is made out of plant-based fibers derived from carrots and other root vegetables, and the seat is built of flax fiber and soybean oil foam. The body also is made of plant fibers.

Scientists at the University of Warwick say their car is the fastest to run on biofuels and also be made from biodegradable materials.

Their claims cannot be independently verified.

They hope it can reach speeds of more than 145 mph when it is tested on a race-track in a few weeks time. They have driven it at around 60 mph and are now making final adjustments to the engine before driving it at top speed.

### IN OTHER CHOCOLATE NEWS

#### Cocoa buffs

What else on Earth could possibly be powered by chocolate? RedEye found three things, as a matter of fact ...



#### Proof is in the pudding

**BETHLEHEM, Pa.** A Pennsylvania man has been accused of burglarizing at least three apartments and vandalizing them with spray paint and chocolate pudding—after police say he was found covered in chocolate syrup. Police say the 24-year-old Bethlehem resident was arrested early Friday after being found with silver spray paint and chocolate on his hands and clothes. They say that helped tie him to a nearby burglary in which pudding and chocolate syrup were spread across the floor and graffiti was spray-painted on the walls. AP

## D.C. Council approves same-sex marriage legislation

**Associated Press**

After an emotional debate, the D.C. Council gave final approval Tuesday to legislation that recognizes same-sex marriages performed elsewhere.

The vote is considered the first step toward eventually allowing gay marriages to be performed in Washington. Congress,

which has final say over the city's laws, will get 30 days to review the bill assuming Democratic Mayor Adrian Fenty, a supporter, signs it.

If Congress takes no action, the bill will become law automatically. President Obama and congressional leaders have not signaled where they stand on the D.C. bill. Obama

generally supports civil unions but has said marriage is between a man and a woman.

"The march toward equality is coming to this country, and you can either be a part of it or stand in the way," said David Catania, one of two openly gay D.C. Council members.

Vermont, Connecticut, Massachusetts and Iowa already allow gay marriage.

### Twitter cravings

We asked RedEye's Twitter followers to share with us the craziest things they've done to satisfy a craving—food related or otherwise. RedEye serves up great conversation every day at [twitter.com/redeyechicago](http://twitter.com/redeyechicago)—be sure to save room for dessert. COMPILED BY SCOTT KLEINBERG

@espio

I've gone to ogilvie (from evanston) on the metra to satisfy an arby's craving. Yea, I know, wild n crazy! :p

@beth1170

I went to Vienna for a weekend to see the opera.

@spicyasian

SFO didn't have a @starbucks ... I had a 4 hr layover ... cabfare was \$40 to find the "nearest" @starbucks ... it was worth it.

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# Meet the parents—just don't call them

Do your parents know how to use a cell phone? And if they do, do you want to trade them for mine?

OK, perhaps that's a bit harsh.

My parents both have owned cell phones for a decade. They've gone from the pea-green screen to the flip phone to color screens to camera phones just like the rest of us—yet the faster the cell phone revolution advances, the further they fall behind.

This came to a head when I had an important question to ask my mom regarding my taxes. It was a simple yes or no proposition. This is what she texted me back: "Fell phone in barca."

I challenge you to tell me what the hell that means.

I suppose it's possible that she is simply so hip that she's employing a slang-text language that combines equal parts emoticons and Da Vinci Code-style symbolic clues that I must follow to interpret where Mary Magdalene is entombed so that I might finally understand what I'm supposed to put in box 12b of my stupid taxes.

Some might say, "Well, at least your mother has figured out texting."

But "figured out" is putting it too strongly. My mom has figured out texting the way I've figured out how to bench press 400 pounds—in that I'm aware of how it's done and could attempt it with very little probability of a successful outcome.

Then there's my dad, who bought a BlackBerry, the buttons of which he clearly cannot see.

I occasionally like to picture my father as a high-powered, semi-shady corporate businessman breezing into boardrooms to execute multibillion-dollar mergers. Then he gets a message on his BlackBerry and must quickly put on his reading glasses and move to a well-lighted space so he can henpeck his response on the tiny keys.

My dad's handicap is small potatoes, however, compared to my mom's complete inability to grasp the concept that she can leave her phone on ... even when she doesn't need it. It seems my mother is under the assumption that a cell phone should only be turned on when the owner of that cell phone has no access to any other type of communication device within a 100-mile radius.

Me: "Mom, I've been trying to get ahold of you. Why wasn't your cell on?"

Her: "Oh, well I would have had it on. But there was a tin can attached to a string nearby, so I figured you could reach me that way!"

Despite their shortcomings, though, I still love my technology-challenged parents, so for now the trade's off ...

Unless anyone's mom or dad knows what goes in box 12b of my tax form. The IRS sent me a letter saying, "Fell phone in barca" is not a valid non-cash charitable contribution.

**CORRECTION** A Monday Metromix story listed incorrect brunch hours for LaSalle Power Co. The restaurant and music venue offers brunch and breakfast 11 a.m.-2 a.m. Monday-Saturday.



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# Making the brand

Kanye, celebs get down to business with products

By Leonor Vivanco | REDEYE

Who's the hottest in the world right now?

Chicago's Kanye West. He's the latest celebrity to bank on his name and image beyond the music scene.

West has expanded his reach outside the recording studio. The newest batch of his Nike Air Yeezy sneakers will be released the first weekend of June, and last month he announced a new fragrance and a new energy drink. Plus, he's working on his clothing line, Past Tell.

It's obvious the hip-hop star takes his image as seriously as his music. He was just voted Best Dressed Rapper of All-Time by readers of Complex magazine and hip-hop blog Nah Right in **complex.com**'s Style War.

"This is a real honor! This whole year has been so overwhelmingly positive ... from the Yeezy's to the Louie Vuittons," West blogged (in all caps). "It means a lot to be able to get respect from my core and peers even though everybody knows I get a little crazy with the clothes sometimes."

A few months before the Style War, Complex magazine caught up with West as he shopped for his Grammy outfit.

Asked what his "brand" means, West told Complex: "Pop but Luxury. Edgy but Comfortable. I'm about clashing worlds that you don't think belong together."

Edgy and unique fashion is part of West's persona, said Matt Delzell, group account director at Davie Brown Talent, which pairs celebrities with brands to endorse. "It's authentic for him to sell shoes because everybody's seen him wear those shoes and everybody considers him to be a trendsetter," he said.

Some Chicagoans, however, say they're growing tired of stars building their empires.

"I'm really sick of money being the controlling factor of what artists do with their careers," said Kevin Serna, 20, a student living in the South Loop. "Why can't they be satisfied with the tons of money they make off their records? I'd rather be known for my music than for what my shoes look like."

For a brand to be successful, consumers need to sense legitimacy, said Martin Brochstein,

senior vice president of industry relations and information for the International Licensing Industry Merchandisers' Association. "If the consumer gets a whiff that it ain't legit, and that the celebrity merely slapped a name on it, then it's destined to fail," he said.

West gives off the impression that he has more input in his products than other artists, said Corbin Howard, 19, a Columbia College Chicago student. "I feel like [West and rapper Pharrell Williams] put out stuff they would want to wear," said Howard, who lives in the South Loop.

What also helps solidify West's designer cred is that he worked with fashion icon Marc Jacobs and expressed an interest in interning for Louis Vuitton in Paris, said Amanda Latifi, strategist at ad agency DDB Chicago. (West's publicist, Gabriel Tesoriero, did not respond to interview requests.)

Like West, Gwen Stefani is known for being passionate about fashion, and that helps give her L.A.M.B. collection credibility, Latifi said.

On the other hand, she pointed to Lindsay Lohan's array of products, including Sevin Nyne tanning mist—which went on sale last month at Sephora—and 6126 leggings: "That's a crazy brand: leggings and tanning spray. Really? And you were a serious actress once," Latifi said.

What's at stake? Done right, a celebrity's portfolio can be richly rewarding.



Got  
Kanye?

Can Kanye West go from rapping about gold diggers to spinning his latest business ventures into gold? **LEONOR VIVANCO**



## Word up

He keeps his own blog at [kanyeuniversecity.com](http://kanyeuniversecity.com).

## Globetrotter

He launched Kanye Travel Ventures in 2008, where fans can book travel reservations. But it was voted as one of the worst brand extensions of 2008 in a poll conducted by New York-based consultant TippingSprung in conjunction with Brandweek Magazine.

Take 50 Cent's deal with VitaminWater. He owned a stake in parent company Glaceau, and Forbes reported he received \$100 million when Coca-Cola bought Glaceau in 2007. Elsewhere, the Jessica Simpson Collection brought in \$300 million wholesale last year, according to Forbes, a successful venture for Simpson even as her music and acting careers have taken on a lower profile.

When celebrities put their names on a product, typically they are guaranteed a sum of money upfront and paid royalties based on sales of the product, Delzell said. That way, the more the product sells, the more the company and celebrity make.

Of all licensed merchandise that includes characters, works of art and movies—pegged at around \$180 billion in worldwide retail sales



## Sniffing scents

Ft. Lauderdale-based Parlux Fragrances inked a deal to launch Kanye's scent in 2010 as well as Rihanna's. West will be paid in royalties, profit sharing and warrants to buy 3 million shares of Parlux stock at \$5 per share, according to Parlux financial documents.

## Get your drink on

Kanye will work with New York-based GURU Beverage Co. to create an energy drink—down to choosing flavors and the packaging, said GURU co-founder Ray Jolicoeur. The company hadn't worked with celebrities until Kanye's people called, he said, praising Ye's "authenticity and philosophy for living life fully." As part of the deal, West is now a partner in the company, but Jolicoeur declined to discuss Kanye's financial stake.

## Who's the boss

Not only is he an artist, but he's also the CEO of the record label GOOD (Getting Out Our Dreams) Music.

## Dressing up

He's spending the next few months working on his upcoming Past Tell clothing line, according to Flare magazine.

## Sneaker pimp

Air Yeezy kicks went on sale April 4 for \$215 a pair. Nike agreed to make a donation to the Kanye West Foundation but would not disclose the amount. The Louis Vuitton sneakers Kanye designed in collaboration with Marc Jacobs will be available in stores in June, according to [people.com](#). The shoes, MTV News reported, will range in price from \$840 to \$1,140.



in 2007—celebrity-licensed products accounted for 3 to 5 percent, Brochstein said.

Even without his newly announced business endeavors, West made a cool \$30 million from June 2007 to June 2008, according to Forbes. So far, news of West's many projects has not negatively affected his popularity, B96 (96.3-FM) music director Erik Bradley said.

"He's definitely got the juice right now, so he might as well squeeze it," Bradley said. [LIVIVANCO@TRIBUNE.COM](mailto:LIVIVANCO@TRIBUNE.COM)

# Power players

It seems like every celebrity has a fragrance, but only the few and the proud have a clothing line or a drink. Which celebs are successful? RedEye dissects some notable star brands and assesses which are hits and which miss the mark.

	Fragrance	Line of Clothing	Accessories	Drink/Restaurant	Verdict
<b>DIDDY</b>	Unforgivable (for men and women) and I Am King	Sean John	Sunglasses and cufflinks	Drink: Diageo's Ciroc Vodka; Restaurant: Justin's	<b>Hit.</b> The hip-hop mogul has explored every avenue for extending his brand, including TV. Is there any venture Diddy hasn't tried?
<b>DAVID AND VICTORIA BECKHAM</b>	Intimately Beckham, Beckham Signature Fragrance Collection	Victoria's collection of dresses and dvB jeans; David is working on men's clothes.			<b>Miss.</b> It doesn't seem like the Beckham brand is capitalizing on their fame. However, both are successful spokespersons for other brands—their Armani underwear ads, for instance.
<b>JENNIFER LOPEZ</b>	Glow, Glow After Dark, Sunkissed Glow, Still Jennifer Lopez; Deseo, Live, Live Luxe	JLO by Jennifer Lopez, Sweetface, JustSweet	Shoes, handbags, swimwear and watches in her collections	Restaurant: Madre's in Pasadena, Calif., closed last year.	<b>Miss.</b> She's a fragrance queen, and may have been one of the first celebs from her era to enter into such business ventures, but she seems to have lost some momentum lately.
<b>KIMORA LEE SIMMONS</b>	Baby Phat Goddess; Golden Goddess; Fabulosity	The KLS Collection, Fabulosity (sportswear) and Baby Phat	Makeup, sunglasses, hair accessories, jewelry, shoes and purses		<b>Hit.</b> She prides herself on her reputation for being "fabulous" and looking good.
<b>GWEN STEFANI</b>	"L" L.A.M.B.; Harajuku Lovers	L.A.M.B. 	Shoes, handbags and watches		<b>Hit.</b> No doubt—she's been fashionable since early in her career.
<b>JESSICA SIMPSON</b>	Fancy	Jessica Simpson Collection	Jewelry, sunglasses, handbags, shoes and hair extensions	Drink: Spokeswoman for Stampede Light Plus (with a 15 percent ownership stake in the company, the AP reports)	<b>Hit.</b> She has built an empire based on her looks. But does she even record albums anymore?

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## 'I could never stand there and watch her drown'

### Chicago Tribune

Like many mornings, Jess Craigie watched as her dog Moxie took off after a seagull during their morning walk along Lake Michigan.

But on Tuesday, Moxie sprinted down a pier and disappeared over the edge at North Avenue Beach.

"I saw her go over the pier. I was in shock," said Craigie. "When I got to the edge, I saw her dog-paddling. She was clearly panicking."

Craigie raced toward the water, brushing aside a man who tried to stop her, and jumped in.

She grabbed Moxie and held her on her shoulders as the dog tried to scramble up the wall. Holding on to a metal bar jutting from the water, Craigie heard the man on shore saying help was on the way.

About 20 minutes later—Craigie said it seemed like hours—the two were rescued by police divers. Craigie, 34, was treated for hypothermia and released from a hospital. Moxie seemed fine and was taken home by Craigie's husband, Willson.

Craigie said she had no second thoughts about jumping in to save Moxie. "I could never stand there and watch her drown," she said.

That's why she disregarded the warnings from Aloke Mondkar, 30. "I tried to stop her but she would not listen," Mondkar said.

Craigie gave Mondkar the leash of her other dog she had been walking and then jumped in.

He kept talking to Craigie to keep her from panicking.

Later, Craigie's husband thanked the police and Mondkar.

## Tax repeal? Probably not

### Chicago Tribune

The Cook County Board on Tuesday took what may end up being a symbolic vote to repeal last year's controversial sales tax increase, a move President Todd Stroger labeled "political theater."

The board, on a 12-3 vote, sent Stroger a measure that would repeal the 1-percent tax increase on Jan. 1, 2010.

But Stroger, who vehemently opposed the vote, can veto the measure. Then nearly all of the county board would have to decide to override his veto for the tax to be repealed.

Stroger and some of the board members said the tax increase was needed to keep county services running, but many commissioners said they were tired of the pressure

they've been under since they passed the highly unpopular tax last year.

A visibly upset Stroger urged commissioners not to take a vote to prove a political point.

"This is political theater at its best," Stroger said. "I enjoy the political theater, but in the end it doesn't do anything but hurt people."

Commissioners said Stroger needs to do more to reform government so less money is needed to run it.

But influential Commissioner John Daley (D-Chicago), a Stroger ally until recently, fired back.

"You might want to listen for a change," he said.

The debate played out as both Stroger and

commissioners are up for election next year.

Last month, Stroger proposed rolling back a quarter percentage point of the sales tax increase next year using money expected from the federal economic stimulus. But Stroger said the county needed the rest of the tax increase or there would be a \$300 million hole in the county budget.

Stroger has long maintained the revenue from last year's tax hike was needed to avoid decimating the county's massive health and criminal justice systems.

Commissioner Peter Silvestri (R-Elmwood Park) said the decision to repeal was simpler than it was being portrayed by some commissioners who opposed the move.

"We either tax people more or we make cuts," he said. "It's not rocket science."



### Man sentenced for robbing NBA player

A Chicago man who pleaded guilty to robbing NBA star Antoine Walker at gunpoint was sentenced to 21 years in prison Tuesday. Antoine Larkins, 30, was one of four men

charged in connection with the robbery of the Miami Heat forward as he pulled into the garage of his River North home in 2007.

### 2 killed in hit-and-run

The owner of an Assyrian social club and a companion were killed Monday night by a hit-and-run vehicle as they were crossing the street in West Rogers Park. The car later was found abandoned a few blocks away. The crash happened about 10:35 p.m. in the 6400 block of North Western Avenue, said Police Officer David Banks.

### Starbucks crash

Emergency crews responded to State Street near Adams Street on Tuesday after a car crashed into a Starbucks, officials said. A taxi was involved in a crash with another car, and the impact sent the car into the front entrance of the store, police and witnesses said. Two minor injuries were reported.

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**Bright future**

Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke told Congress on Tuesday the economy should start growing again later this year, his most optimistic assessment of the country's financial health since the recession struck with force last year.

**Double hand transplant**

**1** Teams of surgeons performed the nation's first double hand transplant on a man whose hands and feet were ravaged by a bacterial infection a decade ago at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. Jeff Kepner, 57, of Augusta, Ga., was in critical but stable condition Tuesday.

**Baby thrown**

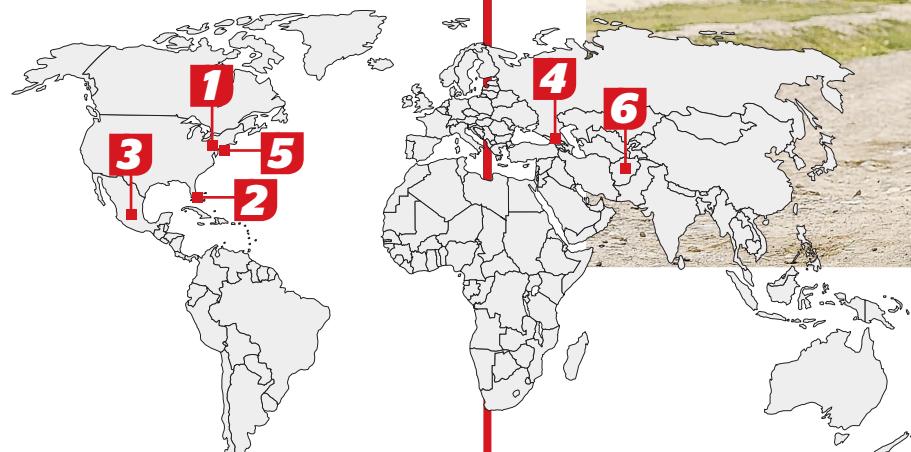
**2** A 21-year-old man was arrested Tuesday after police said he snatched up his ex-girlfriend's 3-month-old son during a fight and then threw the baby from his car on an interstate highway near Tampa.

**Flu stimulus**

**3** Officials in Mexico City on Tuesday announced a \$1.3 billion economic stimulus package to help the country recover from the damage caused by the swine flu outbreak.

**Mutiny over**

**4** Georgia said hundreds of rebellious soldiers surrendered Tuesday after a brief mutiny, but officials in Tbilisi backed away from initial claims that Russia supported the uprising as part of a coup plot.



# Beer pong goes terribly wrong

**5** BRIDGEPORT, Pa. For an argument over plastic cups, a ping-pong ball and warm beer, one Philadelphia-area man lost his life and another may spend the rest of his in prison.

Joseph B. Jimenez, 24, was charged with first-degree murder for allegedly fatally shooting his opponent, Scott Riley, 25, following a game of beer pong at a Bridgeport home Friday night.

Investigators said that they don't know what rule infractions sparked the fight dur-

ing the drinking game, but Bridgeport Police Chief Zenny Martyniuk said the men knew each other before the match and had no prior issues.

Jimenez and Riley, both of Bridgeport, were playing beer pong at a small gathering at a mutual friend's house when witnesses saw them arguing over the game, police said. Several witnesses even told investigators that they believed that the men were play-wrestling or horsing around.

Jimenez allegedly told police that after

the game, he left the house through the front door and Riley left with another man through the back door. Once outside, according to one witness, Jimenez and Riley ran into each other in a pedestrian-only alleyway and began talking trash.

According to court documents, Jimenez claimed that Riley had said, "Shoot me! Shoot me! You guys ain't got the b---!"

Jimenez pulled a .40-caliber Taurus handgun from his waistband and shot Riley once in the neck, police said.



## Ride among ruins

**6** KABUL, Afghanistan An Afghan man on Tuesday rides his bicycle loaded with plastic cans in front of the war-damaged Darlaman Palace. West Kabul was the scene of some of the heaviest fighting between opposing warlords and the Taliban from 1992 through 1996, and while the process of rebuilding the country is under way, ruins and war-scarred buildings still mark the city. GETTY IMAGES



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# sports

## Hawks of a feather ...

The United Center was the center of the Chicago sports universe Tuesday—for fans and athletes alike. Bulls players Kirk Hinrich and Brad Miller were in attendance, as were Bears players Greg Olsen and Lance Briggs. Why? It makes perfect sense. Here's why. **REDEYE**

### HINRICH

He's a scrapper known for his defense. And he can take a hit, as he did thanks to Celtics star Rajon Rondo, who tripped Hinrich in Game 5. Hinrich hit the floor and required stitches to close a gash above his right eye.



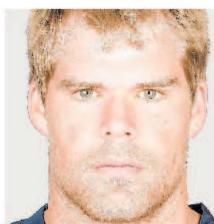
### MILLER

The big man can rough it up, a la Blackhawks forward Dustin Byfuglien. He mixed it up with the Celtics too, facing off with Glen Davis and taking a hit across the face from Rondo. The blood poured from his mouth—just like in hockey.



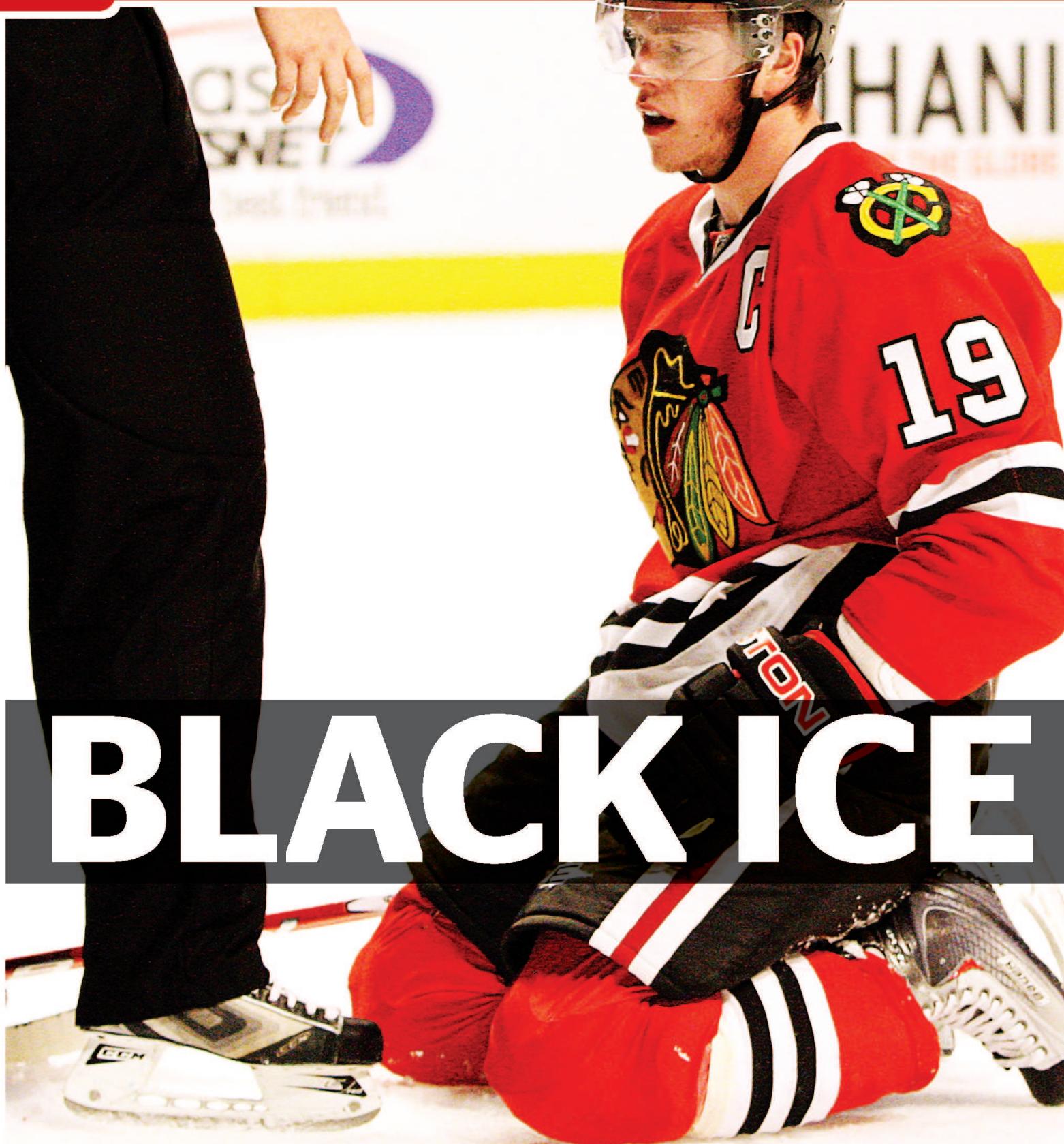
### OLESEN

He's a talented young player with raw talent and sick athleticism, not unlike young Hawks Patrick Kane and Jonathan Toews. He wears lots of pads too.



### BRIGGS

The star of the Bears' defense can change a game. That's exactly what the net defense of Nikolai Khabibulin can do. Nik doesn't drive a Lamborghini though.



Jonathan Toews kneels on the ice Tuesday after being pushed down by Vancouver's Kevin Bieska during the second period of Game 3 at the United Center. **NUCCIO DINUZZO/TRIBUNE**



Matt Walker (8) helps goaltender Nikolai Khabibulin fight off a loose puck and Vancouver's Kyle Wellwood on Tuesday during the first period.

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## Hawks surrender home advantage

### **Chicago Tribune**

Having seized home-ice advantage by splitting the first two games of their Western Conference Stanley Cup playoff semifinal in Vancouver, the Blackhawks were counting on the ear-splitting support of their home crowd to help them take control of the series as it resumed at the United Center on Tuesday night.

But crowd noise wasn't enough, constant as it was during a desperate third period in which the Hawks were constantly on the attack, trying to cut into a two-goal deficit.

### **NHL PLAYOFFS GAME 3: Vancouver 3, Blackhawks 1**

Canucks lead  
series 2-1.

They couldn't get it done, and the Canucks held on for a 3-1 victory and a 2-1 series lead, with Game 4 set for the same venue on Thursday night.

Mason Raymond's goal in the first period gave Vancouver a lead it never relinquished, and

Steve Bernier and Henrik Sedin scored in the second.

Brian Campbell scored the Blackhawks' lone goal, also in the second.

The Hawks had a 24-21 advantage in shots on goal, but most of the action was in their end in the first two periods as Vancouver appeared to be the sharper, faster team.

## Hometown fans vs. cable

Dude, where's my Blackhawks game?

That's what some fans might be asking Thursday when they try to find Game 4 of the Hawks-Canucks series on TV.

So, where is that game? Versus.

Yes, it's a cable channel.

"A lot of people don't even realize that Versus exists," Hawks owner Rocky Wirtz said Tuesday before Game 3 at the United Center. "You just have to grin and bear it. It's a league-mandated decision."

Versus said about 85 percent of the households that have cable or satellite in the mar-

ket now get it, which translates to about 75 percent of the total Chicago TV market.

If the Hawks advance to a third-round matchup, Versus gets all those games. Reach the Stanley Cup Finals, and only Games 3 and 4 are on Versus while the remainder of the best-of-seven series is on NBC.

It's only because the Hawks are making their first postseason appearance in seven years that anyone here has noticed or cared about the channel's exclusivity.

"Hopefully, the league will look at this," Wirtz said. TRIBUNE

## Rose, Bulls bring the awesome

On an awesome scale, 2009 had been about a 2.

The Bears missed the playoffs, Illinois was mediocre, DePaul was awful since it's not 1970, the Bulls were mediocre, money is harder to come by than J.D. Salinger, half my fantasy baseball team is injured, A-Rod has been on steroids since he was in Pull-Ups. Even pigs are against us.

And for the last two weeks, none of that mattered.

We just lived through The Greatest Series Ever. It didn't seem like it would ever end, and I don't think anyone had a problem with it. The Bulls played with intensity, as if the game hinged on every possession. It's like it was a real basketball game, not the NBA. It had so many ups and downs, I rewrote this column six times. And I'm not complaining.

After watching The Series, it's apparent Derrick Rose is the best thing to happen to Chicago since the Burnham Plan. In a league dominated by superstars, we legitimately have one.

In the past six months, Rose has blossomed (sorry) more than anyone thought possible. He's been (with some ridiculous help from Ben Gordon and the reanimated corpse of Kirk Hinrich) the reason the Bulls nearly beat the (kind of) defending champs. And this is only the beginning (assuming Rose avoids bedtime snacks).

I can't remember the last time I was optimistic about the Bulls. When the John Salmons-Brad Miller trade happened, I was down on the Bulls for playing for the Summer of LeBron. But now I get it.

We have something that no other team can offer. If I'm in Dwyane Wade's Five, I'm reminding him he could go home and play with maybe the best point guard in the league. And if they have cell phones in Canada, I'm doing the same with Chris Bosh.

So the Bulls didn't get the chance to be posterized by LeBron James, but the future looks rosy.



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## Hockey jockeys

All this hockey talk has Bag Boy in a fighting mood. So, it's just like any other day.



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<b>1</b> How are Vancouver and Chicago alike?	Their fans will both be waving White Rally Towels.	We both make claims of having a higher class of hooker.	Both are budding metropoli. Sadly, the grass is greener on the Vancouver side.	Both are cities. We own their butt in every other way possible.	Vancouver's listed as one of the most desirable places in the world to live, and people also live in Chicago.
<b>2</b> What should the Canucks do in town during their day today?	Go bowling like the Bulls did on their off-day.	Visit Tracy during her day shift at the Admiral.	Stuff Canadian quarters in our parking meters. Then Daley can finally blame someone else.	Take pictures to remember us by. This series ends in Game 6 in Vancouver.	Get to know Chicago by watching the opening to the old Bob Newhart show.
<b>3</b> What would be the toughest part about being a hockey player?	Well, for Toews and Kane, growing a beard.	Dealing with the fact that you're far superior athletes to NBA players.	Dental problems. Luckily, Teeth McGee is on vacation and it's grill season.	Trying to figure out when it's OK to land a cheap shot on Roberto Luongo.	Being a game-time decision for a romantic evening with your wife thanks to a groin tweak.
<b>4</b> How can Milton Bradley get out of his slump?	Make friends with the media, especially The Monsters.	I don't have the energy to think about Bradley. And only 2 years, five months to go!	Ease his injury and attitude with an anti-inflammatory, not to be taken with boos.	Stop counting your contract money and start swinging.	By recording the rap, "I'm gonna bump this slump like I bumped that chump ump."
<b>5</b> What's the most surprising revelation in the A-Rod biography?	Nothing.	That he started taking steroids when he was 4 years old and his preschool looked the other way.	The number of bombshells. Good thing they can't read.	He doesn't tip well? You'd think with that ego he'd tip great just so people would notice. Schmuck.	It didn't mention anything about Madonna's new book, "Charging The Mound, My Fling With A-Rod."

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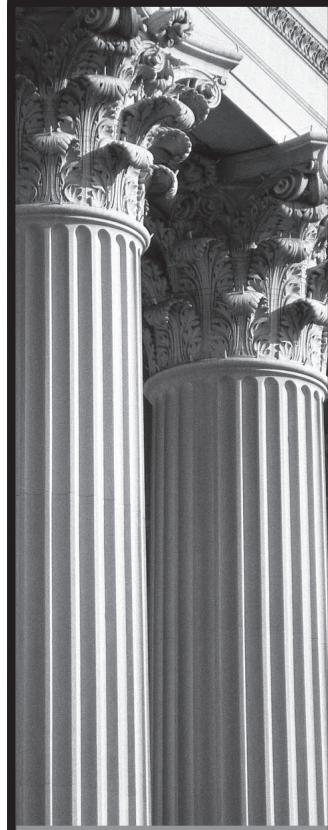


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# Big talk, Big Ben

## SHOULD HE STAY OR SHOULD HE GO?

We asked: Do you want to see the team re-sign Ben Gordon?

**79.6%**  
**YES**  
(133 votes)

**20.4%**  
**NO**  
(34 votes)

Whizzer asked readers to vote in a poll and text him about Ben Gordon's future with Bulls, and you pulled through big-time. Here are some of your comments and the results of our text-in poll.

"I feel that Ben Gordon should go! Because he doesn't fit with what the Bulls are doing! Playing defense isn't his thing. Send Ben and Luol Deng to Miami for Dwyane Wade—that would make things much better. Wade plays defense, scores, passes and blocks—that's what is needed. Also he can help D-Rose with his game." —LEE REIVES

"Cannot win with Ben. He's the ultimate high-risk/reward player, but he's too selfish, and if his shot isn't falling, he can't help you in other ways." —JAMES M

"He's too selfish! He will never win if he neglects his team. WE DON'T NEED HIM! Especially if he's going to ruin it for us." —PATRICK PEDRAZA, BRIDGEPORT

"Gordon needs to come back; he is the elite shooter Rose needs." —ALAN CAMACHO, AVONDALE

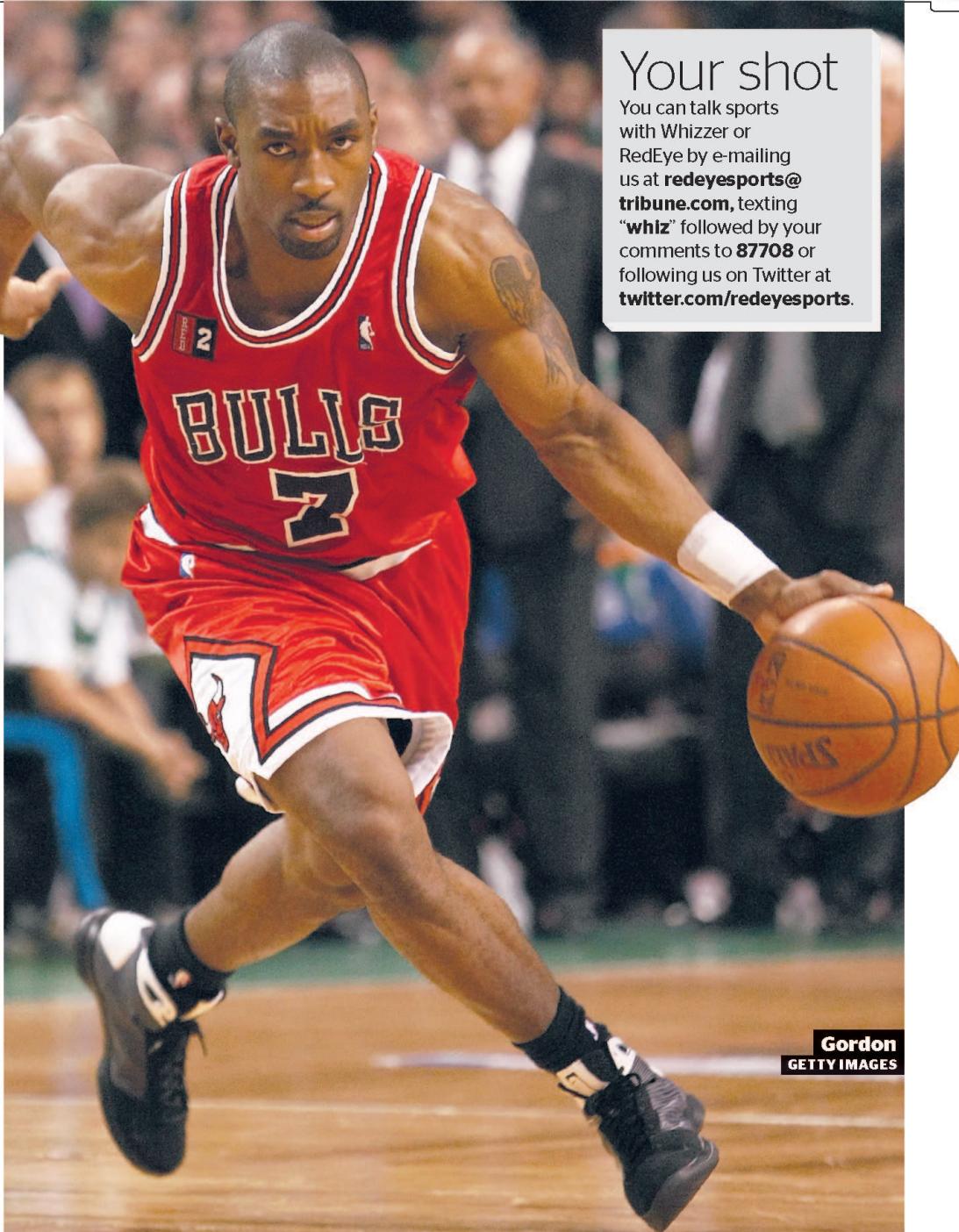
"Ben isn't much of a defender. But he's instant offense."

—PAMALA EVANS, SOUTH SHORE



## BEARS

Bears quarterback Jay Cutler is scheduled to throw the ceremonial first pitch Friday night when the White Sox play host to Texas.



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5 things we're loving this week

**1** The Ginger Collins (\$12) at **District Bar** (170 W. Ontario St. 312-337-3477), a spicy spin on the classic Tom Collins, made with Bombay Sapphire gin, Domaine de Canton ginger liqueur, sour mix and ginger ale.



**2** RedEye humorist Mark

Bazer's Interview Show chat with local writer Joe Meno last Friday at The Hideout whet our literary appetites for Meno's new novel "**The Great Perhaps.**" Catch Meno this Thursday at **Quimby's** (1854 W. North Ave. 773-342-0910) for the book's release party at 7 p.m. Free.

## Join the randomness!

What are you loving this week? Log onto [metromix.com](http://metromix.com) to send us your own Random Acts of Greatness. You might just spot your pick in a future issue.

## Wednesday deals

### ALHAMBRA PALACE RESTAURANT

Two-for-one appetizers in the bar, 25 cent Moroccan wings, \$3 domestic bottles, \$4 glasses of house wine in the bar; 1240 W. Randolph St. 312-666-9555.

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**CITIZEN BAR**  
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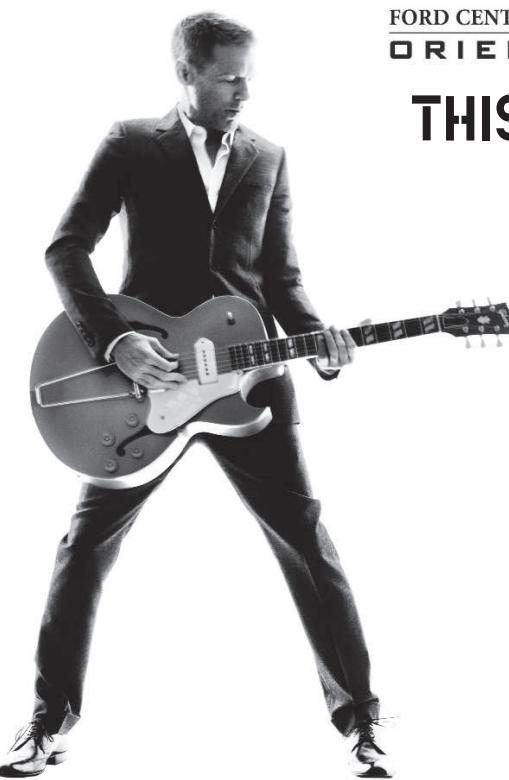


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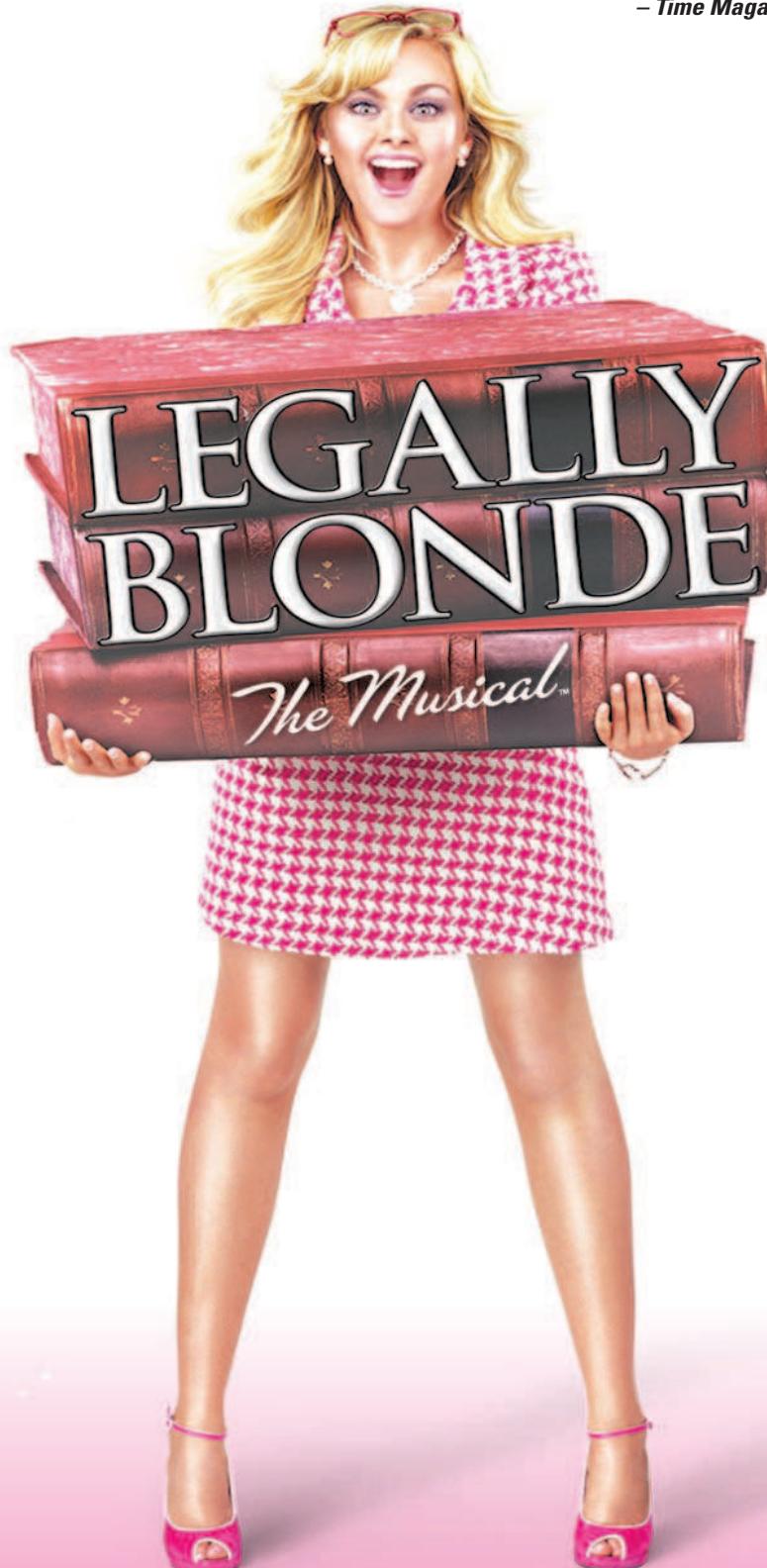
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**LUMEN**  
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**MORSELAND**  
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**THE MOTEL BAR**  
\$4 Amstel Light and Heineken bottles, \$5 Absolut cocktails, \$6 half-pound burgers with fries. No cover; 600 W. Chicago Ave. 312-822-2900.

**PADDY LONG'S**  
\$2.50 Bud Light pints, \$4 Captain Morgan cocktails, \$5 dozen wings; 1028 W. Diversey Pkwy. 773-290-6988.

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\$1 Bud Light drafts, \$2 well drinks, \$3 bombs, half-price appetizers; 1635 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-252-2680.

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**RELAX LOUNGE**  
\$6 Maker's Mark and Ketel One cocktails; 1450 W. Chicago Ave. 312-666-6006.

**SANGRIA**  
Half-price pitchers of sangria, half-price bottles of wine; 901 W. Weed St. 312-266-1200.

**SHEFFIELD'S**  
6 p.m.: Jammin' with Jane. A benefit bash for PAWS Chicago includes food, drinks, entertainment, a silent auction and a raffle. \$20; 3258 N. Sheffield Ave. 773-281-4989.

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# music



# Fat, bald & sexy?

**Dan Deacon explores the mystery of being a hipster babe magnet**

**By Keith N. Dusenberry**

The most high-profile member of Baltimore's Wham City art collective, Dan Deacon, went to music school in suburban New York and holds a graduate degree in electronic music composition (yes, those exist). What's he really known for? Being the big, weird dude with the nerdy vintage T-shirts, bushy beard and Sally Jessy Raphael glasses who makes up-tempo avant-electro and turns his wild one-man shows into audience participation-fueled freakouts.

Wait, that was the old Deacon—who played house parties and basements and played half-broken synths because he didn't have money for new equipment. Now he's delving into deeper and more textured soundscapes on his recent “Bromst,” which is full of bigger beats and increasingly complex compositions.

On this tour, Deacon, 27, is abandoning his trusty prerecorded tracks for the excitement and chaos of fronting/conducting a 15-musician backing band. But it still sounds like Deacon—blips and bleeps, heavily processed vocals and weird electro.

**How long have you been presenting yourself the way you do?**  
My whole life.

**Really? The thrift store-y, art-nerdcore-ish, now-what-has-become-“hipster” glasses thing?**

I used to shop at thrift stores because those were the only places I could afford. I got these glasses because they were the cheapest ones at Eyeglass Depot and they were the ones I could see the most out of. I guess I've sort of noticed—to a reader this might sound really narcissistic—but it does seem like a lot of styles that I used to wear, and sort of got made fun of for, now are part of hipster culture. It's especially weird to see people wearing thick, big glasses. I guess the first time that it really dawned on me was when someone went into American Apparel and they had large-frame glasses there labeled “Dan Deacon Glasses.”

## FAST FW

TOP 5 PICKS FOR THIS WEEK'S SHOWS

**1 Fall Out Boy**

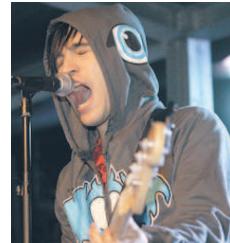
May 9 at Allstate Arena

Chicagoans make guitar pop look easy.

**2 Sara Watkins**

May 8 at Abbey Pub

Nickel Creek singer-fiddler does it on her own.



**3 The Sounds**

May 7 at Double Door

Swedish pop group previews “Crossing the Rubicon,” out June 2.

**4 Deerhoof**

May 7 at Bottom Lounge

Eccentric indie rockers who inspire—but are too loud for—conversation.



**5 The Kills**

May 9 at Metro

Before Alison Mosshart leaves to team up with Jack White.

# NOW HEAR THIS

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## St. Vincent

**"Actor"**

The follow-up to the promising "Marry Me," "Actor" is overt and mysterious, comforting and dangerous, gentle and noisy. Annie Clark is focused, beautiful, wispy, as she tackles despair and disappointment in equal parts sadness and rage. An unimaginative music video director filming a clip for one of these songs would probably shoot a woman sitting still on a couch, eventually getting up and breaking stuff. We suspect Clark would do it the other way around, ending with the protagonist putting something back together.

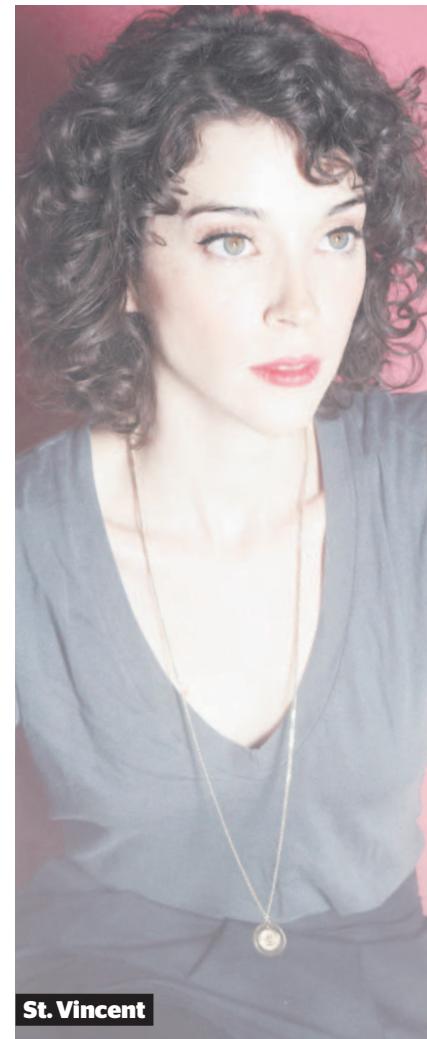


## Fun

### "At Least I'm Not As Sad (As I Used to Be)"

What's up with all these supergroups lately? Comprising Nate Ruess (The Format), Jack Antonoff (Steel Train) and Andrew Dost (Anathallo), Fun's first single sounds most like the Format but doesn't

suffer from a sense of familiarity. The tune's a lot more lightweight and goofy than anything the Format ever did, seemingly an indication Ruess is at last on stable emotional ground and having, well, you know. The band's full-length debut drops Aug. 25. Get excited! **MATT PAIS**



**St. Vincent**

## That's gotta be weird.

It is weird. [Laughs] There's also this ad on Facebook that's a picture of me, and it says, "Do you like Dan Deacon? Find other people who do." And then it's just like a weird social networking dating Web page. It's not even a picture from my Facebook account or anything; it's just a picture from the Internet, and it's sort of insane to me ... that they would pick a dude like me. It's a bizarre time we live in.

## It's got to be odd to be the weird-looking dude and be scorned for it and then have it become, "You're interesting and cool!"

Yeah, but even before it broke, it was weird how I would be on tour, like years ago, and I'd go to a gas station and ... the guy would be like, "What, did you just step out of a loony bin?" People would say that to me, like, constantly. And then I would play a house show, and I'd be getting hit on by this amazingly beautiful girl and be like, "How is this happening? How is this weird dude that's considered so

physically repulsive in some senses, but in some worlds I'm attractive?" This is bizarre to me: I'm the fat, bald dude who is also attractive to this woman ... I never really think about it much anymore. I have a girlfriend, and whenever I feel like I'm getting hit on, I just say that I have to take a s\*\*\*. That sort of makes that situation go away.

## Why bring a bunch of musicians on stage?

I mean, I don't want to just keep doing that same show that I've been doing for years in basements and now have to do it in large venues. It was fun. I just don't want to be playing to tracks. The main reason I started playing along to a CD or an iPod was out of necessity.

## What about the "crazy" aspect of your shows?

### Would you ever try to tone it down?

No, not at all. I mean, I [don't] want the level of intensity that the show has to decrease; if anything, I'd want it to get more intense.

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**Steve Earle,** Thursday, June 25 (\$35, all ages) at Vic Theatre.

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**Sonic Youth,** Saturday, June 27 (\$30, all ages) at Vic Theatre.

**This Must Be the Band,** Thursday, July 9 (\$12-\$25, all ages) at SPACE.

**Patty Larkin,** Saturday, July 25 (\$17-\$32.50, all ages) at SPACE.

**Natalia Zukerman,** Thursday, July 30 (\$12-\$22.50, all ages) at SPACE.

**Misfits, Juicehead,** Sunday, Aug. 9 (\$18-\$20, all ages) at House of Blues.

**Polo Nutini, Erin McCarley, Matt Hires,** Sunday, Aug. 2 (\$22.50, 18+) at Vic Theatre.

**Curtis Peoples,** Thursday, July 23 (\$12-\$25, all ages) at SPACE.

**Skindred,** Saturday, June 13 (\$15, all ages) at Subterranean.

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**Algebra Blessett,** Friday, June 26 (\$20-\$25, 21+) at Double Door.

**Bobby Long,** Monday, Aug. 31 (\$15, 21+) at Double Door.

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# The docs are OUT?

**'Scrubs'** finale is for season, or maybe forever

**Associated Press**

Everyone thought the current season of "Scrubs" was its last. But the plucky sitcom isn't a goner yet.

ABC and creator Bill Lawrence are in talks to bring the show, or some incarnation of it, back for another season on the network's 2009-10 schedule, which will be announced later this month. That's quite an accomplishment for a sitcom that survived years of time slot upheaval and a transplant from one network to another. After NBC dropped "Scrubs" last year, ABC rescued it and has been rewarded with decent ratings. The show is produced by ABC Studios.

Still Lawrence devised a season-closer, airing at 7 p.m. Wednesday, that also could serve as the show's final curtain.

It's an approach built around the departures of series star Zach Braff and Lawrence himself from the world of Sacred Heart Hospital.

"It's my last year and Zach's last year, so the finale is exactly what we would have written as a series finale. And if it goes forward, it's still what we would have written as Zach's finale," Lawrence said.

A key question: What happens with erratic lovebirds J.D. (Braff) and Elliot (Sarah Chalke)?

Lawrence can imagine a ninth season for "Scrubs," even if it loses cast members to other projects. After all, the show was first pitched as a comic version of "ER," able to accommodate new faces as the years passed.

There's been talk that some of the actors, including Braff, may return on occasion if the show is renewed. As for Lawrence, his "Cougar Town" pilot starring Courteney Cox is under consideration by ABC.

But, he said, "I don't think there can ever be a show called 'Scrubs' that I wouldn't at least check in on."

It's been a memorable and instructive ride, especially the bumpy bit across the NBC schedule. Those scheduling shifts made it unlikely the comedy could achieve big ratings gain, a reality that Lawrence says he came to embrace.

"What was liberating about it was you stop trying to write things for everyone and make the people laugh who already liked the show—and, believe it or not, it's a lot easier to do," he said.

Lawrence and his staff made the most of the show's cult status, reaching out to die-hard fans with Webisodes, regular "Ask 'Scrubs'" videos in which cast members responded to audience questions and online Q&A sessions.

Those viewers supported "Scrubs" even when its original network didn't.



**Donald Faison (left)  
and Zach Braff**

ABC

## 'Scrubs' 7 p.m. Wednesday, ABC

In the sitcom's one-hour "My Finale," J.D. (Zach Braff) hopes to score that hug with Dr. Perry Cox (John C. McGinley) before he leaves Sacred Heart Hospital. J.D.'s home life is in upheaval too, as Elliot (Sarah Chalke) moves in without him knowing it. More than 50 past guest stars return for the hourlong episode, including Tom Cavanagh (J.D.'s brother, Dan); Amy Smart (Jamie); Nicole Sullivan (Jill Tracy); Michael Learned (Mrs. Wilks); and Robert Maschio (Todd). **CURT WAGNER, REDEYE**

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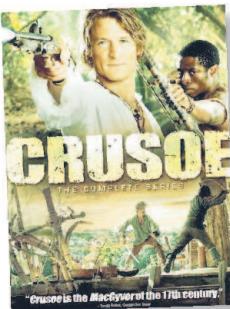
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The right buff: Tongayi Chirisa (left) and Philip Winchester in NBC's "Crusoe." **NBC**

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I didn't hate NBC's period adventure based on Daniel Defoe's novel as much as, well, everyone else did. The foolish romp of a show was beautifully filmed in South Africa, didn't take itself too seriously and offered MacGyver-like gadgetry and a lot of adventure. And hello, two buff, mostly shirtless guys (Philip Winchester and Tongayi Chirisa) hanging out in a treehouse? I'm in. A paperback of the novel is included with other extras.

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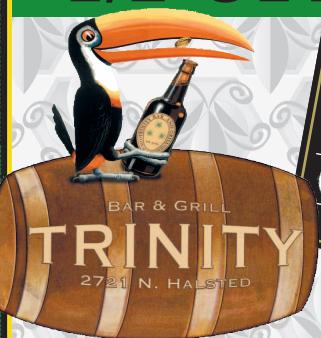
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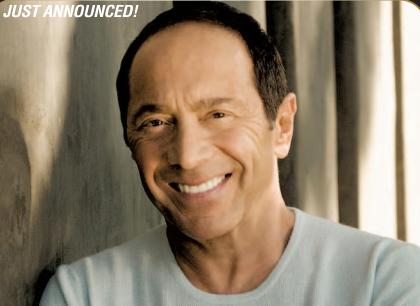
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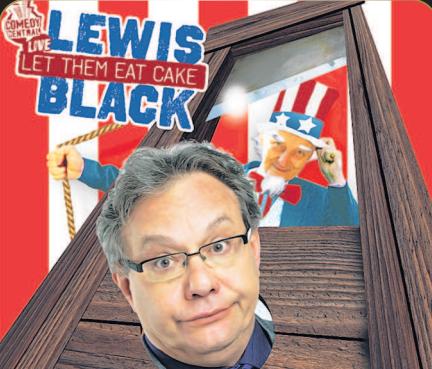


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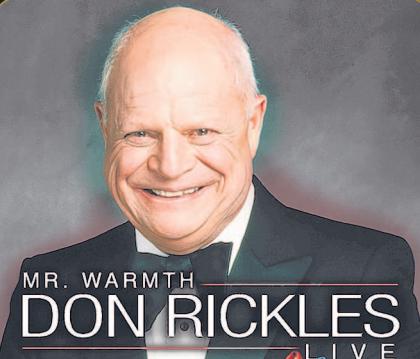
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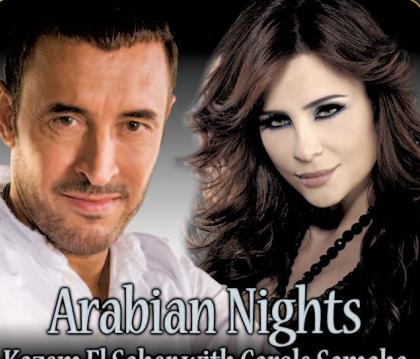
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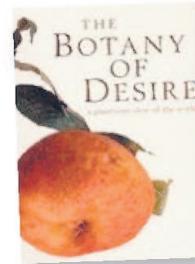
Fortunately, a bottle of wine offers the opportunity to take virtual trips to faraway places simply by pulling the cork and pouring a glass. With a sniff and a taste, you are immediately transported to the wine's place of origin. Go one step further and pair it with a complementary food, book or cause and you have created a gift that offers a complete sensory experience, no boarding pass necessary.

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### For the crusader

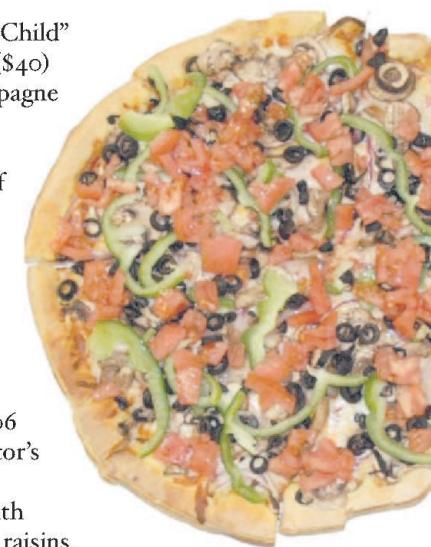
A donation to the charity of her choice and a bottle of One Hope Wine (\$20)

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How do you pair wine with other gifts? Or is the bottle enough on its own? Tell Alpana what you think at [ritaredeye@tribune.com](mailto:ritaredeye@tribune.com). Please include your full name, age and neighborhood.

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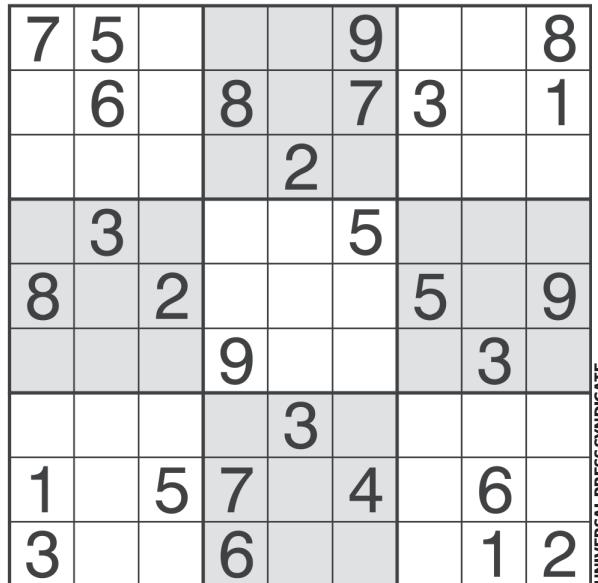


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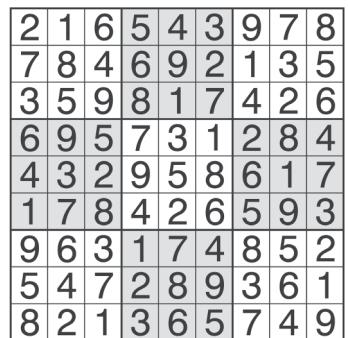
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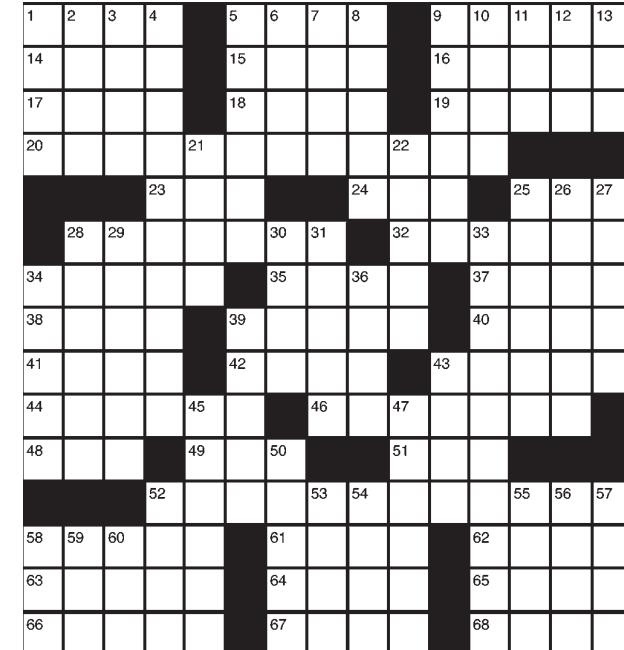
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**DOWN**  
1 Basketball rim  
2 Actor Alan  
3 Fortuneteller



**ACROSS**  
1 Corned beef concoction  
5 Spill the beans  
9 Former U.S. Senator Phil \_  
14 Parkay, e.g.  
15 Church court  
16 Refueling ship  
17 Lyric poems  
18 Press  
19 Representative Sharers  
23 Wapiti  
24 Actor Marvin  
25 Pennsylvania or 5th: abbr.  
28 Bothers or annoys  
32 "National \_"; Liz Taylor film  
34 Does a bartender's job  
35 Jackrabbit  
37 Is not, slangily  
38 Prefix for trust or aircraft  
39 Spanish man  
40 Commanded  
41 Ascend  
42 Aware of the duplicity of  
43 Marks ballot  
44 Go back and forth  
46 Esteemed  
48 Summer time zone in NY  
49 Congressman's title: abbr.  
51 Eggs: Lat.  
52 Poor judgment  
58 Room darkener  
61 Weaver's frame  
62 Mixture  
63 French dads  
64 Melville novel  
65 Lemon's covering  
66 Regions  
67 Nashville's place: abbr.  
68 Oxen of Tibet

**4** Inns  
**5** Adobe blocks  
**6** Actress Loughlin  
**7** On  
**8** Trite  
**9** Pointed beard  
**10** Tractor-trailers  
**11** Stein contents  
**12** Fellows  
**13** Actor on TV's "The A-Team"  
**21** Tiny French possessions  
**22** Adamant denial

**25** Operate a 747  
**26** Sold  
**27** Diminutive endings  
**28** Rich  
**29** Start  
**30** After that  
**31** Yuletide visitor  
**33** Place where blood is analyzed  
**34** Examine in detail  
**36** Crucifix  
**39** Planted  
**43** " \_ la France!"  
**45** Matt Dillon's

**portrayer**  
**47** Many a Utahan  
**50** Airplane flier  
**52** Concept  
**53** Word with one or how  
**54** Maine \_; long-haired cat  
**55** Hipbones  
**56** Pigsty sound  
**57** off, falls asleep  
**58** Swirling bath  
**59** Pronoun  
**60** Common verb

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## Rihanna steps out

Rihanna is officially in front of the cameras again. On Monday, the pop songstress made her first red carpet appearance since Chris Brown allegedly beat her in February. Attending the annual Costume Institute of The Metropolitan Museum gala in New York, she posed for photographers in a Dolce and Gabbana suit and bow tie, according to reports. She arrived in a black SUV and was the last to walk the red carpet. She did not speak with the press. Here's a look at her outfit from the event and an update on the case. **NEWS SERVICES CONTRIBUTED.**

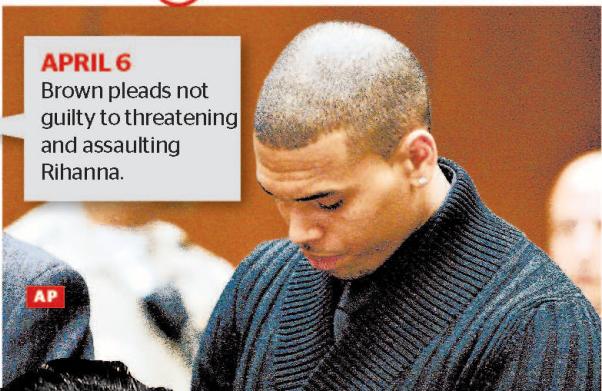
### APRIL 26

Nickelodeon's Kids' Choice Awards go on without Brown's name in the running for favorite male singer. The network in March had said it wouldn't remove his name, but Brown withdrew it.

### WEDNESDAY

Chris Brown's attorney, Mark Geragos, tells E! News he will seek to have the case dismissed if it turns out the photos of Rihanna's bloodied face were leaked to the press by police. Meanwhile, officials agree to return to Rihanna the \$1.4 million in borrowed jewelry she was wearing the night she was allegedly beaten by Brown.

**APRIL 6**  
Brown pleads not guilty to threatening and assaulting Rihanna.



**MARCH 6**  
Rihanna's attorney says the singer will testify against Brown if called as a witness in his assault case.

**MARCH 5**  
Brown is charged with two felonies stemming from what a police detective describes as a brutal argument between the singer and his girlfriend, Rihanna, provoked by her discovery of a text message from another woman.

**FEB. 8**  
Brown and Rihanna are absent from the Grammy telecast. A police report released that Sunday shows Brown and a woman were in a vehicle and got into an escalated argument. The woman, who had visible injuries when police arrived, identified Brown as her attacker, but he had left the scene, the report said.

**MARCH 1**  
People magazine reports Brown and Rihanna are spending time together at Sean "Diddy" Combs' house on Miami Beach's Star Island.

**FEB. 15**  
Brown speaks out for the first time, saying he is "sorry and saddened" over the allegations that he hit pop star girlfriend Rihanna.

**FEB. 20**  
A graphic photo reportedly showing Rihanna's face with severe injuries leaks online the day of the singer's 21st birthday.



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# red hot

# web master

Jimmy Fallon may still be perfecting his late-night monologue, but the comedian has apparently nailed his Web strategy.

Fallon, who has made interacting with fans through his blog and Twitter a major part of his show, was given the Person of the Year Webby Award on Tuesday, [informationweek.com](#) reports.

In other celebrity Webby news, Nine Inch Nails frontman Trent Reznor won Webby Artist of the Year and "Family Guy" creator Seth MacFarlane was named Film and Video Person of the Year for his Web-only series "Cavalcade of Cartoon Comedy."



## THE DIGIT

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Approximate amount per episode Spike TV paid for rights to run past episodes of HBO's "Entourage" beginning in January, according to The Hollywood Reporter.

**Fallon**  
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## THE VELVET ROPE



**Aguilera**

The movie, set to start filming late this year, is produced by the same

folks who cast Beyoncé in "Obsessed."



**Lambert**

Lambert's performance Tuesday, Cowell said, "It was, actually, one of my favorite performances you've ever done. The only problem is, nobody can top that now."



**Tweedy**

reports. Bennett claims he's owed royalties for songs and the band's documentary.



**Fox**

21? That's a joke."



**Lil Kim and Derek Hough**  
ABC

## From songbird to starlet?

Christina Aguilera is poised to make her film debut in the movie "Burlesque," a musical in which she plays an ambitious small-town girl with a big voice who finds success at an L.A. burlesque club, according to Variety.

The movie, set to start filming late this year, is produced by the same folks who cast Beyoncé in "Obsessed."

## 'Idol' worship

"American Idol" contestant Adam Lambert had a new fan even before Tuesday's performances. "Those AI kids can sing their asses off, especially Adam," former Guns 'n' Roses guitarist Slash, who served as a mentor on "Idol's" first Rock Week, tweeted Monday night. Judge Simon Cowell seemed to agree. After

Tuesday, Cowell said, "It was, actually, one of my favorite performances you've ever done. The only problem is, nobody can top that now."

## Wilco lawsuit

Jeff Tweedy wants to set the record straight on the lawsuit filed by former Wilco bandmate Jay Bennett. In a statement Tuesday, Tweedy said he doesn't know what the claims are based upon, adding that he didn't produce the movie, has done nothing wrong and hopes the matter will be handled fairly. The Associated Press

reports. Bennett claims he's owed royalties for songs and the band's documentary.

## Back that sass up

The rumor that Megan Fox is linked to "Twilight" star Robert Pattinson? So not true, she tells Elle magazine. And for the record, she's not into Zac Efron either. "He [Pattinson] and Zac—they're just too pretty with the big hair and the suits," she said, according to [accesshollywood.com](#) excerpts. "And Rob is, what, 22? Zac is

## 'Dancing' shocker

The cowboy outlasted the "bionic booty." In a "Dancing With the Stars" shocker Tuesday night, rapper Lil Kim lost out to cowboy Ty Murray, who will continue on to the finals. Murray has often been criticized for his wooden dancing. Host Tom Bergeron acknowledged "there was real shock in the room" when he announced the results. Do we hear a recount?